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Docket No. 0557-4723-2X

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kenichi UEDA ET AL.

SERIAL NO: 09/345,482

FILED: JULY 1, 1999

FOR: PRINTING SYSTEM INCLUDING DIFFERENT KINDS OF PRINTERS AND A PRINTER SELECTING DEVICE THEREFOR

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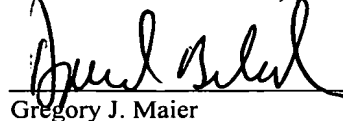
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-up Copy of Amendment, Petition for Extension of Time (2 months), Letter to the Official Draftsman, Formal Drawings (11 sheets)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	49	MINUS	36	13	x \$18 =	\$234.00
INDEPENDENT	8	MINUS	5	3	x \$84 =	\$252.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$280 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$486.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recordation of Assignment			+ \$40 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL				\$486.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$896.00** is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 4, 2002, please amend this  
application as follows:

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03 FC:1202

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 9, 11-13, 21 and 29 to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

1. (Amended) A printer selecting device comprising:

accepting means for accepting input information representative of a desired number of  
printings;

selecting means for selecting a printer having a lowest printing cost from a plurality  
of printers matching with the desired number of printings; and

data outputting means for outputting image data to be printed to the printer selected  
by said selecting means.

<sup>1</sup>A marked-up copy of the changes made in this amendment is attached.